Champion Will Rule a Strong Favorite in the Betting On His Coming Fight With Gus Ruhlin-Ring Gossip,

Special Correspondence of The Sunday Republic.

cities and localities in a way that shows separates them, if one pursues the ordinary crass ignorance of our geographical condi-tions, he provokes us even if his blunders amuse us by their absurdity. But what shall be said of New York writers who be- but he is laughably deficient in knowledge tray the densest stepidity and lack of of his own country.

Kentucky, across the Ohio River, and while New York, Jan. 25.-When an Englishman | the localities are but a few miles apart, as or a Frenchman writes about American the crow flies, quite a considerable distance



JACK ROOT,

Chicago Middleweight, Who Defeated George Byers in Nine Rounds at San Francisco Recently, and Who Will Meet Jack Moffatt of Chicago in a Twenty-Round Bout at San Francisco Next Month.

being "an organ of civilization" are as

Speaking of Jim Jeffries's arrival in Cincinnati, it said he would "train at Price's Hill, a short distance from Gus Ruhlin's quarters, on the Independence pike." Now, Price's Hill is on the west side of Cincinnati, while Ruhlin's quarters are in Asbury Park, owing to the inciemency of

knowledge about our own cities? A case in Af present writing the prospect that the point was evinced the other day by one of our "yellow" publications, whose claims to Ruhlin will take place in Cincinnati as scheduled appears a good deal brighter than it did last week, though the forces opposed to it still claim that they will be able to prevent it. Both of the men are now domiciled within the State of Ohio and both are engaged in training for the bout. Jeff had to give up his quarters near

the weather which prevails thereabouts. | Economic Company of the prevails t A rougher, stormier place than the Jersey coast near Long Branch in the winter season it would be hard to find. The man who said that you might live in Texas for en

years without the slightest need of a gun, but when the need did arise you wanted it like hades, could just as truthfully say that you might live near Asbury Park for nine months in the year in perfect comfort, but in the other three months you could expect about as rough meteorological treatment there as anywhere else in Uncle Sam's civilized dominions.

Jeff is about as husky as they make them, but he found that he wasn't strong enough to stand, with any degree of comfort, the chill blasts from the Atlantic that swept over Deal Beach. He was wise in pulling up the stakes and moving to Price's Hill. That is a wind-swept acclivity, but the breezes that there do blow are mere zephyrs compared with the Jersey blasts.

The big boilermaker claims to be rapidly getting into shape for the contest, and he is sertain that when he toes the scratch he will be fit th spar for his life.

Judging by a picture of Ruhlin I have seen he is getting in line fettle. I understand that he has given up almost entirely his bad, filthy habit of tobacco chewing, and ae is doing his work faithfully and well. His picture shows that he is still high in flesh, but he has three weeks yet to labor, and he ought to be in excellent shape on the night of the contest.

As yet I have heard of no betting on the event. All the fistic cognescenti hereabouts, with but few exceptions, look upon the bout as "a pipe" for the champion Said one of them to me the other day:

"I know that Rublin is a good man, but Jeff is so big, so strong, so husky and so exceedingly careful, and besides such a terrific hitter, that I look upon his chances as being fully ten to six better than Ruhlin's. I think Gus will put up a rattling good fight, but when the end is reached I think the cheers of victory will be for Jeffries. The Akron giant is not a natural fighter. Neither is Jeffries, for that matter, but I think that, admitting their skill is about equal, Jeff's strength, his caution and his hitting abilities will give him a great advantage over the Ohio man."

Tommy Ryan, I see, says that Ruhlin has great chance with the champion. Whethr this is Ryan's honest opinion or whether it is the result of the fact that Jeffries has dispensed with his services as mentor and aken in his place Billy Delaney is one of the things I am unable to determine.

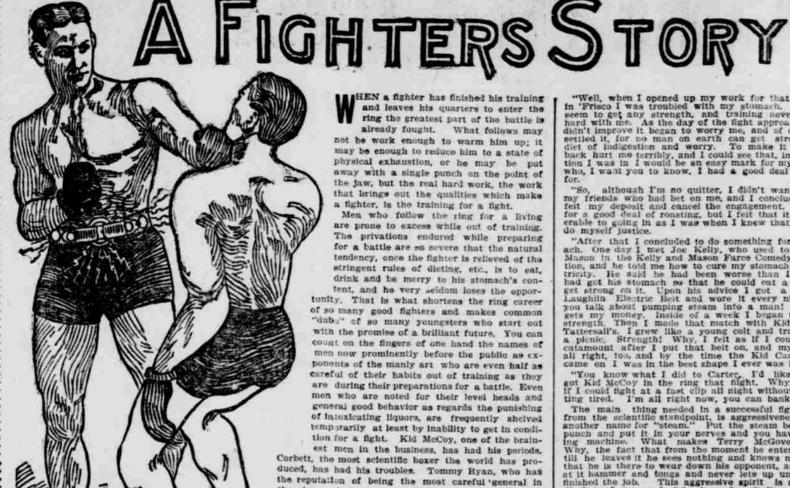
Ryan taught Jeffries haw to crouch and how to fight to the best advantage in this onstrained position. It is a position which, while it is exceedingly constrained, is still very effective in enabling a man to avoid shment. Ryan, Kid McCoy and Jeffries are its three ablest exponents, and the only man who has been able to punish Jeffries at all effectively was Jim Corbett, but even ne was unable to do more than temporarily weaken him for one round.

I am firmly of the opinion that, had Jeffries not adopted his crouching tactics with Corbett, the ex-pompadour champion would have whipped him is less than fifteen rounds. Rublin is a good deal stronger than Corbett, but he hasn't one-half his skill or quickness. I can't for the life of me dope im as a winner, but as I have frequently had occasion to remark in these columns there is nothing more unreliable than picking a winner from the "dope."

A chance blow may sometimes upset all theories and all calculations just as quickly as it upsets the man who received it. At all events, I expect to see a very notable contest when these giants, these Titans of the ring, clash together on the hilltop.

The Kid McCoy-Tom Sharkey match has twenty-round affair and was scheduled to take place in San Francisco before the transplanted Century Athletic Club, which Jim Kennedy of this city is to revive there and of which Charley White is to be the

Just who is to blame for the demise of the



and leaves his quarters to enter the ring the greatest part of the battle is What follows may already fought. not be work enough to warm him up; it may be enough to reduce him to a state of physical exhaustion, or he may be put away with a single punch on the point of the faw, but the real hard work, the work that brings out the qualities which make

a fighter, is the training for a fight.

Men who follow the ring for a living are prone to excess while out of training. The privations endured while preparing for a battle are so severe that the natural tendency, once the fighter is relieved of the stringent rules of dieting, etc., is to eat, drink and be merry to his stomach's content, and he very seldom loses the opportunity. That is what shortens the ring career of so many good fighters and makes common "dub," of so many youngsters who start out

men who are noted for their level heads and general good behavior as regards the punishing of intextcating liquors, are frequently shelved temporarily at least by inability to get in condition for a fight. Kid McCoy, one of the brainest men in the business, has had his periods, Corbett, the most scientific boxer the world has produced, has had his troubles. Tommy Ryan, who has the reputation of being the most careful general in the ring and the most businessiike in his fighting methods and the least liable to do things which interfere with the success of a fighter, was only a few months ago reported to be out of it owing to a stomach trouble which prevented his getting into shape for Jack Moffat, the husky Chicago boy.

Apropos of this incident, Tommy's own story is an interesting one. It may serve as a warning and a guide to other aspiring ringsters, as well as those who believe in the development of physical prowess. "I don't knock about and try to use up all the stock in the distillery, as some of these fellows do," said Tommy the other day in an interview. "But I was always a good eater, and cometimes after a fight I guess I have been careless.

"Well, when I opened up my work for that Moffat go in 'Frisco I was troubled with my stomach. I couldn't seem to get any strength, and training never went so hard with me. As the day of the fight approached and I didn't improve it began to worry me, and of course that settled it, for no man on earth can get strong on a det of indigestion and worry. To make it worse my back hurt me terribly, and I could see that, in the condition I was in I would be an easy mark for my opponent, who, I want you to know, I had a good deal of respect for.

"So, although I'm no quitter, I didn't want to throw my friends who had bet on me, and I concluded to forfeit my deposit and cancel the engagement. I came in for a good deal of roasting, but I feit that it was preferable to going in as I was when I knew that I couldn't do myself justice.

do myself justice.

"After that I concluded to do something for my stomach. One day I met Joe Kelly, who used to star with Mason in the Kelly and Mason Farce Comedy Combination, and he total me how to cure my stomach with electricity. He said he had been worse than I was, and had got his stomach so that he could eat a horse and get strong on it. Upon his advice I got a Dr. Melaughill Electric Beit and wore it every night. Say, you talk about pumping steam into a man! That belt gets my money. Inside of a week I began to pick up strength. Then I made that match with Kid Carter at Tattersall's. I grew like a young colt and training was a picnic. Strength! Why, I felt as if I could whip a catamount after I put that beit on, and my back got all right, too, and by the time the Kid Carter match came on I was in the best shape I ever was in.

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"You know what I did to Carter, I'd like to have got Kid McCoy in the ring that night. Why, I feit as if I could light at a fast clip all night without ever getting tired. I'm all right now, you can bank on that." if I could fight at a fast clip all night without ever getting tired. I'm all right now, you can bank on that."

The main thing needed in a successful fighter, aside from the scientific standpoint, is aggressiveness. That's another name for "steam." Put the steam behind your punch and put it in your nerves and you have a fighting machine. What makes Terry McGovern great? Why, the fact that from the moment he enters the ring till he leaves it he sees nothing and knows nothing but that he is there to wear down his opponent, and he goes at it hammer and tongs and never lets up until he has finished the job. This aggressive spirit is simply the display of a wonderful inward vitality, a vast fund of electrical energy which will not be subdued. It crops out in a fighter and makes him a whirlwind, it crops out in a mechanic and makes him the best in the business; it crops out in the clerk, the business man, in men in all lines of trade and occupation and makes them leaders in their lines. It should be possessed by everyone, this great vital force, and it you are ambitious to shine as a marvel of strength in every respect you should have it. The Dr. McLaughlin Electric Belt will pump it into your nerves and blood and make you strong as you ever hoped to be. Come to my office, 704 Olive street, St. Louis, Mo., and let me give you a free test of this great power. If you can't call, write for my free book and information. I don't ask any pay till I cure you.

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match is not very clear at present. The | boxer named Louden Campbell, Terry un men were to have posted \$2,500 a side as a guarantee that they would appear, and the club was to put up \$5,000 to insure the fighters that it would keep its part of the bargain. All this money was to be put up a ten-round contest. in the hands of Al Smith of this city. McCoy demanded that the articles of

agreement should be made very specific. One of his requirements was that the referee should be instructed by the club to enforce the Marquis of Queensberry rules strictly, and that in case of any pol other official interference which would pre-vent the men fluishing the bout according to agreement, the referee should decide in favor of the man having the best of the fistic argument up to the time of its stop-page. He also demanded a limitation of the free list and a postponement of the match for a couple of weeks in order that he might have more time in which to train faithfully and get acclimated to the beautiful climate of California.

Kennedy it appears acquiesced in these requirements, but the monetary part of the greement was not carried out. Then from California was telegraphed the information that the police authorities of San Francisco would not consent to transfer the license from February 28 to the later date asked for by McCoy, and it was also stated that the Kid would not be allowed to appear unless he could give satisfactory guarantee that the fight would not be "a fake."

that it would be exceedingly difficult for Sharkey to box strictly in accordance with think that he is purposely unfair or that in his fighting he intentionally fouls his man, but he is a very excitable, hot-headed fellow, and when he is hit sharply he for-gets himself and in his desire to get hunk in helter-skelter, pell-mell, and in his eager ness he frequently violates the rules, unknowingly, I am convinced.

On the other hand, McCoy is as tricky a fighter as lives and not at all over-regardful of the rules. I never saw a more palpable, deliberate foul committed than he was guilty of when he knocked Joe Choynski out seconds after the bell had sounded for the cessation of the rounds, and when Choynski had his arms down and had started for his corner. He was helpless and defenseless when he received the blow that put him out. McCoy, however, is so artful that he is able to disguise his fouling much better than Sharkey does. I can say that I take very little stock in the idea that the Californians are really sincere in protesting McCoy, because they fear that he may fake. If common report

is to be believed fully one-half of the fights pulled off in California in the last few years have been "arranged" in the interest of its tin-horn gambling sharks. However, "while the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return." Some of the vilest pugilistic sinners I know of reside near the Golden Gate, and if they have really turned over a new leaf and intend hereafter to act on the square, then indeed must the millenium be nigh.

Meanwhile Sharkey and Maher have been matched to box the best of twenty rounds in Louisville before its newly formed athletic club in the latter part of February. They will make a go that will be as hot as tabasco sauce from start to finish. In one respect Sharkey has a slight advantage over Maher in this match, owing to the fact that he has been in training now for

Maher will have to get a hustle on him to get into condition, but I think at that he will show up in good shape. He is firmly of the opinion that he can wallop the sailor and, so believing, he will fight like a demon. In agreeing to fight in the Falls City, rather than in San Francisco, I think both men show good sense. Louisville is easy of access from Pittsburg. Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Lexington and all the intermediate territory, and I have no doubt that the large hall in which the contest will take place will be packed to its walls when

the men enter the ring. There used to be a very large contingent of Hibernian admirers of the manly art in Louisville. Mike McCoole, "the deckhand champion of America," for several years made Louisville his headquarters. It was on Twelve Mile Island, a short distance above the city, that Mike fought and defeated "Dublin Tricks." This Tricks was not William Hastings, the original of that title, but a Western boxer, who adopted the nom de guerre just as lots of boxers nowadays call themselves "Kid" in imitation of Kid McCoy. I venture the assertion that the bout between the two "Irish champeens" will rival in fistic interest and attractiveness even the bout for the world's cham-

Any boxer who travels through the country, meeting all comers, is liable once in could no awhile to run up against a tough proposition. Terry McGovern encountered one last of bluff.

dertook to stop him in four rounds, but, though he gave him a terrific hammering. he falled to put him out, and now the Pittsburgers talk of pitting Campbell against the South Brooklyn Whirlwind, in

It will take more than talk, however, to make a match. McGovern is such a strong attraction and in such great demand that semiamateurs have got about as much chance of making a regular match with him as a feather in hades has of escaping singeing. McGovern has his pick of antago nists. I am inclined to think that he would like to have a chance at Dave Sullivan, and I would suggest to the matchmaker of the new Louisville club that he take steps at once to pit these two against each other.

The little Corkonian Sullivan has many dmirers in Louisville, and I have no doubt that a bout between him and Terry would draw as big money in the Falls City as it would in California. Westward the star of empire took its way many years ago, and the fistic Mecca has temporarily followed the same course.

The center of population in the United States is at a point in Indiana almost equidistant between Cincinnati and Louisville. It will be seen that these cities have plenty of material to draw upon for the support of good matches. Sullivan fancles a match with McGovern very much, and I haven't the slightest doubt that Terry would take



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hiding which Jeff gave him at Coney Island | tract fairly well when he deprived him of the championship. still, "as the years roll slowly by" the memory of that licking becomes fainter and ly expect to reimburse himself for purses, fainter, and it may be that Stewart will etc., etc., out of the gate receipts of the be able to show him that the pecuniary re-wards from another battle with Jeff may be sufficient, even if he is again licked, to com-

I understand that Stewart intends holding his "carnival" in the day time in order that he can photograph the contests to best ad- Fitzsimmons took place public interest was vantage for exhibitory purposes. He also at fever heat and the photographing of wants Terry McGovern to battle for him with some good man, and I hear that he is tures are so common in every music hall in the country that they have in a great measure. Govern and Jordan certainly ought to at-

Carson City is so inaccessible to the gr mass of sport lovers that Stewart can bardusually clever he is likely to be disappointed in the financial results of these exhibi-

When the fight between Corbett and

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DAVE SULLIVAN.
Who Wants to Fight Terry McGovern at
San Francisco.

By the way, the proposed match between bryo. Erne is between a sweat and a shiver over it. He would like very much to tackle McGovern, and yet he hesitates. In recent conversations in Boston and in ernor and founder of the public school systhis city he kind of held out the idea that the fault for the fallure to make the match between himself and Terry was not his. Governor of Arizona; Justices Green, of the This, in view of the fact that Sam Harris State Supreme Court, and Reeder of the Suhas publicly announced that Terry intends to defend his claim to the light-weight championship, against him, seems a little strange. Perhaps it is a case of "one afraid and the other darsn't."

Our old friend, Mgr. Tonson, beg pardon! Dan Stewart, has "come again." He intends holding another puglilatio "carnival" at Carson City, and he talks of the probability of a match between Bob Fitzsimmons and the winner of the Jeffries-Ruhlin contest. I haven't the slightest doubt that Fitz, who is very friendly with Stewart, would like nothing better than a chance to fight the winner, if that winner should turn out to be Ruhlin, but I am extremely dubious about getting him into the ring again with Jeffries.

Fitz was very fortunate in outgaming and outgeneraling Ruhlin. In their fight in Madison Square Garden, Ruhlin had by far the best of the first round. When it ended Fitz was guessing where he was at and he was so dazed that for a moment he couldn't have given a correct answer

and had Ruhlin gone right at him, as Torry McGovern goes at his opponents, when they come together for the second round, I think he would have finished Fitz right off the reel, but instead of doing this he attempted to fight Fitz at long range, and in so doing be came to grief.

Bob got his guard up and then let hi have a wallop in his midriff that knocked nearly all the life out of him, and after that his chances were no better than that

wen Fitz challenged Jeff to meet h law expired, he was fully aware that Jeffries weighed 250 pounds, that his left arm was still limpy and that, in short, he could not be got into condition to fight in that time. The challenge was a clear case

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